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SUBJ: HARCOX/FLETCHER: SOME THOUGHTS

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1. IT READS ALMOST LIKE SOME OF OUR WORST NIGHTMARES OF
LAST YEAR WHEN THE STORY FIRST BROKE. PICTURE OF
SINO-PAK-US PLOT WILL EASILY BE CONJURED UP. IF IB REALLY
PUTS ITS MIND TO IT MOST OF OUR SKELETONS OF THE PAST FEW
YEARS, E.G., GABRIELLE YABLONSKY, MAY WELL APPEAR. AND OF
COURSE IT WILL BE SURPRISING IF SOMEONE IN THIS CONSULATE
IS NOT LINKED TO THE CASE. THIS COULD BE ANYONE BUT MOST
PROBABLY WOULD BE MCWILLIAMS (WHO HAS VISITED THE PAIR
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REGULARLY FOR ALMOST ONE YEAR) OR BURLEIGH (ANOTHER IN HIS

SUBVERSIVE REPERTOIRE).

2. WE ARE FRANKLY UNCERTAIN WHAT THE NEXT STEP SHOULD BE. THE IMMEDIATE QUESTION IS WHETHER THERE IS ANYTHING TO BE DONE IN DELHI WHICH MIGHT HELP TO ENSURE THAT (A) THE TRIAL IS NOT USED AS AN ANTI-USG CIRCUS FOR THE MASSES; AND (B) NO AMERICAN OFFICIAL GETS CHARGED WITH ANYTHING.

3. WE NEED TO THINK THIS ONE OUT CAREFULLY BUT ALSO FAIRLY QUICKLY. IF THE DOCUMENTS IS AVAILABLE TO US. IT IS NO DOUBT ALSO AVAILABLE TO THE CPI AND OTHERS. IT MIGHT MAKE THE PRESS RATHER QUICKLY. IS THERE ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO DEFUSE THE ISSUE?

4. IT OCCURS TO US THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER MIGHT BE APPROACHED AND MADE AWARE OF OUR CONCERN. WHILE IT MIGHT REINFORCE SUSPICIONS THAT WE ARE IN FACT INVOLVED IN THE CASE, SUCH SUSPICIONS ARE NO DOUBT STRONG ANYWAY AND THERE IS PROBABLY LITTLE TO LOSE. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT WOULD BE GOOD TO KNOW THAT THOSE IN THE GOVERNMENT AND CONGRESS PARTY WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT INDO-AMERICAN RELATIONS ARE AWARE OF THE TURN THIS CASE SEEMS ABOUT TO TAKE AND THAT, WITHOUT EXTREMELY CAREFUL HANDLING, IT COULD PROVIDE A MAJOR SETBACK IF WE WAIT UNTIL THE CASE HAS HIT THE PRESS, ANY DISPOSITION THE FOREIGN MINISTER OR OTHERS MIGHT HAVE TO BE HELPFUL WOULD BE OVERTAKEN.

5. IF YOU DECIDE TO MAKE SUCH AN APPROACH, NO REFERENCE COULD BE MADE TO THE DOCUMENT CITED IN REFTEL. HOWEVER, YOU COULD, WE THINK FINNESSE THAT BY REFERRING ONLY TO INDICATIONS WE HAVE RECEIVED THAT THE GOVERNMENT MAY BE PLANNING TO CHARGE THESE MEN WITH ESPIONAGE. PICKERING

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